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SUBJECT: ROC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CANNED ABALONE:
- CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: A) STATE 105079 B) TAIPEI 2307

1. AT APRIL 18 MEETING COMMERCIAL ATTACHE GAVE H.K. SHAO BACKGROUND OF SENATOR CRANSTON'S REQUEST, ON BEHALF OF OCEAN GARDEN PRODUCTS, INC. OF SAN DIEGO, FOR LIFTING OF THE IMPORT BAN ON ABALONE. H.K. SHAO AGREED THAT REMOVAL OF CANNED ABALONE FROM CONTROLLED LIST OF IMPORT ITEMS WOULD BE A TOKEN BENEFIT TO OUR BILATERAL TRADE BALANCE. HE PROMISED TO HAVE STUDY DONE OF POSSIBILITY OF IMPORT LIBERALIZATION FOR THIS ITEM.

2. SHAO HAS NOW REPORTED THAT BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE HAS FLOATED OUR PROPOSAL IN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE. FINAL DECISION IS SEVERAL MONTHS OFF, SINCE APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE YUAN (CABINET) REQUIRED. BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A LENGTHY AND CUMBERSOME PROCEDURE, ABALONE LIBERALIZATION WILL BE LUMPED TOGETHER WITH OTHER LIBERALIZATIONS AND TARIFF UNCLASSIFIED

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REDUCTIONS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. OF INTEREST IS CURRENT STRONG SENTIMENT IN BUSINESS CIRCLES FOR IMPORT LIBERALIZATION, WHICH HAS ALSO SURFACED IN LOCAL PRESS, BECAUSE OF LARGE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES ALREADY AMASSED AND CONTINUATION OF SIZEABLE GLOBAL TRADE SURPLUS. UNGER

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